SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE OF OUR DOMESTIC PETS.

HOW THEY WERE FORMERLY ESTEEMED

Like Many Persons, the Cat is Judged

Too Much by Comparison.

Procures Its Prey---Not Tractable or Teachable.

The cat belongs to a tribe of animals of a very feroclous character, called by naturalists felius, which compreheads the lion, the tiger, the lynx and various other creatures of a nature apparently very different from this quiet domestic animal. The title felore is taken from the Latin name of the cat, felis, and simply because this is the most familiar lis prey. specimen of the tribe. The tribe is possessed of great muscular power joined to great lightness and agility, baying strong claws for seizing and sharp teeth for tearing and devouring such creatures as fall into their clutches. The lion can, without the appearance of effort, strike down a man with one of its paws. Being designed to approach their prey in a stealthy manner, feline have soft pads under their claws, which touch the ground gently; their eyes are calculated to make the utmost possible use of such light as they may have, and their whiskers being fixed in lips full of delicate nerves, inform them of everything that is near them as they prowl along their dusky paths. The nature of feline is essentially cruel. They kill far more animals, when num bers are in their power, than they have any use for, and even the tame fireside cat takes a pleasure in torturing its victim before devouring it.

A well-known creature called the wildcat, larger and of duskier color than the tame one, exists in several countries, and naturalists generally represent the latter as descended from The domestic cut, however, is probably a distinct species, originating in ancient Egypt, where no wild ones are found, but where the tame one was formerly held sacred, like the Ibis, and even honored with mummification There are many traditionary tales and ancient laws to prove the estimation in which cats were formerly held, at a time, perhaps, when they were much scarcer than now. In the tenth century, Hoel the Good, King of Wales, fixed the price of a blind kitten at 1 penny, and when it could see, and when proof could be given of its having eaught a mouse, the price was raised to 2 pence: but after it had established it powers of mousing, its value was in creased to 4 pence, which was no small sum in those days. The domestic cat is now abundantly diffused in almost all ivilized countries, and is everywhere found useful in keeping down the breeds of other domestic animals, which would otherwise be seriously mis-chievous. It is also esteemed by many for its quiet, social character.

In treating of the moral qualities of In treating of the moral qualities of the cat has often been styled "the old the cat, we are aware that we are touch- women's weather glass." ing on debatable ground, says the Philadelphia Ledger. While some bestow upon poor pass all the epithets of treachery, cruelty and ingratitude, others, finding in its disposition kindwarm in eulogies of their favorite. In fact, the character of the cat is judged f too much by comparison, and thus, like many persons in the world, its into the back-ground, and all its bad propensities magnified. That the cat has not the sagacity, approaching al-most to human reason, of the dog-that It has not his devoted affection, his entire self-control and patient sub missiveness under the rebuke of master-is not to be dealed, nor, from its natural inherent habits, is it to be expected that it should have these qualities to the same extent.

Yet puss is not only the affectionate sharer of the clean and quiet hearth of the lenely widow, but it will be found quietly reposing on the silken covered cushion in the boudetr of the more wealthy; and from the palace to the cottage it everywhere finds its patrons. to whom its gambois and its fawnings the beauty and the symmetry of elegant figure and its graceful motion are all circumstances of recommenda In fact, it is bad usage alone tha calls forth the savage propensities of this feliue domestic; with gentle and kind treatment it can be as gentle and kind and insinuating as any other ant mal. It is true, even in its most domes tic state, it exhibits a native propensity for prey and hence is derived its useful cess: though fed with the most delicate delicacy a mouse caught by its own prowess and cunning, and it will revel in the quivering flesh of the yet gasp-

ill, nothing can exceed the affection of the cut to those who treat it kindly This affection is expressed by rubbin its body close on the individual and b the loud purring noise indicative of its satisfaction. It will not, however, hear to be crosses; and though it returns hadness by every expression in its power, it is also prompt to retalists on the slightest opposition. Neither has it the perception of the dog, in desisting so it will persist in clawing food off stealing whenever it can. Although the rat can be made to perform some actions at the command of its master, such as caping and other tricks, yet it does so

window affly exposed to the sun or on coft hearth rugs before a glowing fire. and also to clak amidst the clothes of a hed in which any one is sleeping. Calculating on this peculiarity of the audmin 1 is said that the Prince of Walns, afterward George IV., once laid a bot with Mr Charles James Fox as they were proceeding home early on a sum including combins. mer microfug, that he would meet more cuts on one side of the Strand than his

PURRING PUSS as for the light. In resility, as already blinted, this eyes are only constructed in spells a manner as to see with less, light much softer arimal than the female, and more good-natured, but the latter shows a remarkable degree of tender-

Her care of her off-pring Is such as to interest every behalder. She tends to little billed creatures with the atmost solicitude and patience is indefaileable in supplying them with food, and when any one is carried away to a distant part of the house—as toys will consider the constant part of the house—as toys will consider the constant part of the house—as toys will consider the constant part of the house—as toys will consider the constant part of the house—as toys will consider the constant part of the constant part of the house—as toys will consider the constant part of the constant par emerimes do, by way of trying her af-ection—she is sure to come, and, tak-YET IT IS AN AFFECTIONATE ANIMAL.

Its Kindness to Its Offspring—How It

Procures Its Prey—Not Tractable

Its Results is senter to come, and, take ing it up in her month, she carries it off, and softly deposits it beside the rest. Her whole nature seems softened at this period, and she has been known, when deprived of her own young, to expend her may be trivial to dinness and care with as much seed area with as much seed area with as much seed area with as much seed area. much zeal upon young farces, and eare with as much zeal upon young farces, and eare much appears belonging to a species with which she is proverbially at war. The kittens very soon become independent of their mother, but she generally takes care before they leave

generally inkes care before they leave her charge to give them a little instruc-tion in the art of catching mice by bringing wounded ones for them to spring upon, and showing them how to watch mouse holes. The kitten is a singularly playful creature, though all its movements seem to bear a kind of sportive reference to the art of catching its prev.

In the manner of procuring its prey the common cat resembles all the other members of the same great family. It will watch for hours with the utmost cagerness and assidulty the peopleg of a mouse from its hiding place, or the motions of a bird on the bough of a tree; and when the proper opportunity arrives it pounces with one sudden spring on the unfortunate object. There is no sort of food that cats show a greater liking for than fish, and this has been a matter of astonishment to many who are led to conceive that in a state of nature cuts could not procure such food. It is a well ascertained fact, how-ever, that cuts do actually take small shes from shallow ponds and rivers. Many instances have been recorded of cats catching fish. A Mr. Moody of Jesmond, near Newcastle, England, had a cat, which had been in his possesa cat, which had been in his possession for some years, that caught fish
with assibility, and frequently brought
them home alive. Besides minnows
and cels, she occasionally carried home
pilchards, one of which, about six
inches long, was found in her possession. She also contrived to teach a
neighbor's cat to fish, and the two were
seen together watching by the Uls for
fish. At other times they had been seen
at opposite sides of the river not far
from each other on the lookout for their
prey.

In general, however, cuts show a great disinclination to moisture, and take especial care to keep their feet dry. They are also extremely cleanly, and take much pains in brushing up their fur, especially about the face.

Every one is aware that if a cat be taken into a dark place, and its back gently rubbed, vived sparks of elec-tricity will be elicited. These sparks will be stronger in proportion to the dryness of the air and the fur of the animat. In fact, all animals, as well as every substance on the earth, possesses its portion of electric matter, and the reason of its being so visible. In the case of the cat is in consequence of the perfect dryness and the soft, sliky nature of its fur. Cats, too, like many other animals, seem to be exceedingly sensitive to atmospheric changes; hence

Like all other animals of prey, cats sleep much during the day and roam about at night. They prefer warm situ ations near the fire in winter, or bask ing in the sun in summer. When highly pleased the cat emits a sound ness, gentleness and playfulness, are well known by the term purring; this sound seems to be produced through the nostrils, and is probably the vibraifon of some membrane about the quite voluntary, and can be commanded at the pleasure of the animal. The ner, but we are unable to say whether this power of expressing satisfaction be common to others of the cat tribe.

> The mew of the cat is by no means pleasing, and its noctural noises and notes of love and war are of the most grating description. Many persons have so singular an antinathy to cats as to swoon away if one happens to be in the room with them. It is difficult to say if this arises from any immediate oder of the animal, directly affecting the senses of such persons, or whether it be not merely the recollection of precon-ceived antipathies. Cats themselves seem to have some singular peculiarities of the sense of smelling. They have a dislike to many odors, while they are attracted by the scent of the common valerian root with a pleasure almost amounting to fuscination

Mr. Rhind has related several in stances of extraordinary sense and Ingenuity on the part of the cat, and we believe there are few persons who could not add to the list. The paternal grandfather of the present writer had a cat, which followed him on his moretag walks tike a dog. Another relation, who resided in the Old Town of Elluburgh, possessed two individuals of the species, each of which performed very haunted the nursery, where there was a rd approaching very near to the door When the animal wished to leave the room it mounted the bed and, leaning forward as far as possible, struck down the latch with its paw, so as to make the door fall open. For a long time the family was occasionally annoyed at night by the sound of the knocker, and.

when the servants went to the door to see who was there, no one appeared. It was suspecied that some idle neighbor had resolved to amuse him The cut is fond of heat, which some another to the idea of its having bean another of Africa. It likes to bank on window affly company to the sum of the conduction of the idea of its having bean another of Africa. It likes to bank on window affly company to the sum of the another to the idea of its having bean another of Africa. It likes to bank on window affly company to the sum of the knocker sounded than our broke the charged citizen expecting to solve one offendor. To his autoclahment. night, and the same result ensteal. On a third night he took a light, and who was his surprise, our opening the door to nod his cut hanging on the knowner It was evident that the animal was to

Cate are remarked to be more liable horses and als bugs full of allyer from to form attachments to places than to the bouldted. Murat Amin us Scitane. the mould encounter on the other.

If accordingly promounded the sunny olds, and, while Mr. Fox hardly found observed who removes it is often found observed to make the case in far two with the State.

One of the Prince and many, by which he will be now house. Even there is a respectively of the sun of the sun of the state. The animal seems to have a pleasure carried in a ber, and to a distance of many miles, pass is apt to find the way without doors, which has given rise to the hard become a contented vasual to the new tenants in the place.

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"LONESOME LITTLE WOMAN."

But She Was Emma Jon With a A Young Lady Who Placed Too Much Reliance on a olionak,"

"I was the first one to meet Imma Juch in Cipciunati. She didn't know a soul here at the time I met her. I think it was the second musical feateal. I remember one day I was tearing across the stage in a great hurry, in my overalls, and was covered with paint. The developed and principles of the property of the proper across the stage in a great burry, in my overalls, and was covered with paint and smeared up generally. I noticed a little woman standing away back all by berself, but paid no further attention. I was too busy.

"Finally Carter—you remember Carter, don't your he used to take care of the big organ, afterward went to Beecher's church, in Brooklyn—well, he came to me and said.

"John, there is a lonesome little woman over there. She is just as nice as she can be, but she's feeling pretty blue, I guess. Says she don't know a soul in Cincinnati, It's Juch, Emma Juch,"

"So I went over and we were intro-

"So I went over and we were introduced as well as we could be unler the circumstances. Well, Miss Juch was the Walter in 'William Tell,' remember, and was a success. Then she made a great success in 'Fidelio.' "After the performance a party of us went over to Vogel's. Yes, Miss Juch was one of the party. She was a famous little woman now, with a famous appe-

"I remember she ate three wiener wursts, three beer sandwiches, drank three glasses of beer, and—looked for more." And then John leaned back more." And then John leaned back and laughed about the pretty cantatrice, who doesn't have to stand away back now and say that no one knows her. She still has her appetite.

#### NOT WORN TO CALL IN.

"Penbody" Coats Cause Emburrass-ment to Eos - and Guests,

The latest thing in coats for some people is the long, double-breasted Pea-body with rough, shaggy nap. These coats are so heavy that an overcoat, except in very cold weather, is super-

The other evening two young men, happy in the possession of brand new Pesbodies, called on some young ladies on the South Side, says the Chicago Mail. Our of the hostesses took the gentlemen's hats and stood as if expecting to receive some other articles of their apparel. An swkward and em-barrassing pause was finally broken by the lady, who said:

"I hope you both intend to spend the

evening with us?" They did, and they frankly said so. The hats were laid aside and conversation was undertaken.
But it lagged. The ladies appeared nervous and ill at ease. After a few minutes one of them said:
"It must be uncomfortably warm here

for you. Wont you take off your coats? Do take them off; I'm sure you would be more comfortable."

The thunder struck callers were un-

able to speak for a full half minute; then the two heartbroken young men explained that their faultless Peabodies were not overcoats, and peace again

## A MEAN CONDUCTOR.

His Interruption Greatly Embarrased

How embarrassing some things are. There was a Troost avenue young lady. very pretty and very young, and she talked so the whole car could hear her,

says the Kansas Chy Star.

"This is my birthday," she said.
The whole car and her escort were in-

"Is that so?" said he.

"Guess how old?"
"I can't."
"Will I have to tell you? Well, it is

"Twenty-fourth" bawled the conductor, opening the door. Everyone knew it wasn't true, but she was so

### the car heard no more. "BIGER" MAN THAN FORREST.

mad that she shut her mouth tight and

Colonel Grangerfield, Sah, a More Daring Man-Back in war times, writes a St. Joseph (Mo.) Ballot contributor, I had occasion to call on General Forrest of the Confederate Army. I had never met General Forrest, and, beholding an of-ficer of high, proud and commanding carriage standing to front of headquar-ters, his resplendent uniform and gengral air of grandeur led me to think he was Porrest hiniself

'Is this General Forrest?" I asked. salute. "This is Colonel Jackson T. Grangerfield, sah, of the —th Louisana, sah; a more daring and far more

dangerous man, sah." Maronte Fair Baltimore via S. & O.

Rattroad. On account of the Mas mir Fair at Balti-nors, the Baltimore and Ohlo Baltimat wil all excursion tickets from Washington to lattinors and return at rate of all for the round trip, including admission to fair. These will be good on train buy Washington at 6:15 p. m. Wednesday, 5 wenter 5, valid for return passage on regular trains or on special train 1884 Baltimore at 11:30 p. m. same day.

He should fiel the Job.

From Eternor's Donar-Mosquito-Don't strike me! I haven't come to blie you, but to ask a favor.

Thesplan-What is it? Mosquito-My season is over now, and yours la commencing, and for the sake of old acquaintance-hip. If not friendship don't you think you might give use a job?

hisplan-As a singer in the charact Mesquite (waving his leg depreestingly)—Nothing so lefty! But don't you think I'd be a success as a bill

The Cheap Man Thuary,

Before the Harrison-McKinley cheap man theory was announced and carried of living, were able to put away some day. When this new system of economics shall be fully developed pregare to see nailed above the doors of the New England sayings banks. "Crosed

The Shak in Love With His Wife. The first wife of the Shah of Persis. come flow for the tregiment of her eyes.

SIMPLY PRESSED THE BUTTON.

John Rettle related a line incident A young ledy bought a "Kodak" at a this morning that will surely played the dealer's before she went on a summer charming prime donna as it will interest vacation, and, scorning the biets of a many resilers, says the Cincian of Times. | salesman, took only her book of direc-

> The developer developed on and on, on found none but bianks.
>
> In order that he might not be falsely accused, he sent for the young lady and

'How did you operate the camera;' e saked her.
Operate R! Why, I pulled the dring, as the book says, and touched

But what did you do with this little black cap here?"
"Why, I didn't do anything with it," she said; and then the developer

She had never once removed the cap that covered the iens, and had of course taken not a single picture. She had been solembly pressing the button all sum-mer, with no result whatever, and when she found what she had done she wept bliter tears.

# HER ARGUMENT UNANSWERABLE.

A Smart Woman Can Obtain an Um-breits Too Easily.

During the steady downpour yesterday a man placed an umbrella in a doorway on Woodward avenue and took shelter about fifteen feet away, says the Detroit Free Press. It was exactly to a second when a passer by discovered it, turned in, and was about to take possession when a cough startled him and

he passed on.

One minute later a boy was scared off. The third comer was an old man, and it took two coughs to make him let go The fourth was a woman. She had on a water proof, but she no sooner saw the umbrella than she passed into the store, remained half a minute and then came out and took the umbrella-

One cough. No use, Two coughs. No use, Three coughs. She was going. "Madam, excuse me, but haven't you the wrong umbrella?" asked the owner

"Excuse me, but 1---" "Sir, how dare you address me on the

He wilted, and she walked on.

# HE HAS A "SNAP."

But He Had to Burn Brain Greass for H Night and Day. From the Chlengo Herald,

Few of those who fasten their gloves with the Ingenious little snabutton in use for a few years past know the history of the contrivance. It was invented by an American, who tried i vain to enlist in his invention the interest of American capitalists. Notes, could see any promise in the tiny bis mechanism, and the inventor finally is took himself to France. There he foun capital, and the invention speedily became popular. Now the inventor and the capitalists interested are getting rich out of the contrivance, and even the American agency is proving a mini of money.

Her Trial.

From the Clother and Furnisher.

Mrs. Bingo-What do you expect to ive your husband for Christmas? Mrs. Honeymoon-I told him the other day I thought I would give his some neckties. Mrs. Bingo-And I heard him ted my husband afterwards that he wouldn'

wear them. Mrs. Honeymoon-That's the wors of it. John thinks so much of the things I give him, and is so careful of them, that I have the bardest kind of work to get them on him.

Masonic Fair Baltimore via B. & O

On account of the Manonic Fair at Balt more, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad wisell excursion tickets from Washington to Baltimore and roturn at rate of \$1 for the tound trip, including admission to the fair Tickets will be good on train leavier Washington at 6:15 p. m. Wednesday, No vember 5, valid for return passage on al regular trains or on special train leavier Baltimore at 11:30 p. m. same day. Hatlroad.

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Travers-Thank you thank you Now that we are acquainted. I hope the you will call next week, and the week fter next, and so on. Bring you

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From direpor's fluence.

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